



## **Temple Terrace Teen Instructional Session XIV (Virtual)**

*Focus:*

### **Participants will be able to:**

- Identify ways to support relationships in
- Identify ways that virtual environments and real-world environments interrelate by engaging in a group discussion on the topic.

### **Materials:**

- Paper
- Writing instruments- pens, pencils, crayons
- An envelope or box to store your letters in
- *In Real Life* by Cory Doctorow and Jen Wang

### **Procedures:**

**A. Intro to Topic:** Begin session with a brief introduction on the background and purpose of the session as well as the expected conduct of those involved, reminding participants that every feeling is valid and to be respectful of those with differing opinions and beliefs. Encourage everyone to participate in whatever way makes them feel comfortable. Ask participants to have their materials available. Provide a brief recap of the previous reading group that discussed the main title being utilized for this session.

*Recap:* *In Real Life* follows Anda, who has recently joined an online role-playing community called Coarsegold where she can be a leader, a fighter, and a hero. As Anda becomes more involved in the game, the lines between the virtual world

*Theme:* This month our theme is relationships. All relationships can have good times and bad times and we need to remember to support the important people in our lives through both

**B. Session Activity: *Open When Letters:***

letters. These letters are designed to be opened by the recipient when certain things are happening in their lives. To make the letters, first choose a recipient. This can be anyone- even yourself! Fold your paper and choose one of the topics



Thank participants for attending the session. Encourage everyone to complete a program evaluation survey. Remind them of next provide a brief overview of the theme and titles that will be discussed for that session.

**Resources:**

Open when letter video: <https://youtu.be/sVeX2XGTx7c>

Open when letter ideas: <https://www.berries.com/blog/open-when-letters>

What to write or put inside open when letters:

<https://www.joincake.com/blog/what-to-put-inside-open-when-letters/>

Pew Research Teen Friendship Poll:

<https://www.pewresearch.org/internet/2018/11/28/teens-friendships-and-online-groups/>